(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) and (f) On account of decrease in the overall strength of buses under DTC operation, there has been curtailment of services in all areas and Vasant Vihar area also has been affected to the same extent as the other areas.

(g) DTC has been making concerted efforts to meet the transport requirements of the Union Territory of Delhi with its limited resources

Post office and telephone facilities to the villages in Uttar Pradesh

679 SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of villages in the Uttar Pradesh and in how many village post offices have been provided (District-wise)

(b) what is the number of village post offices (District-wise) which are at a distance of more than two kms from the village stating the programme, if any, formulated by Government to provide postal facilities in these villages; and

(c) what is the number of village post offices (District-wise) where telephone facilities have been provided stating the programme, if any to provided such facilities in village where these are not available?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Steps to tackle flood problem in Assam

680 SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are contemplating to tackle the flood problem in Assam;

(b) whether Government are aware that preventive measures should be started during winter season and it will be futile to start any action in the month of March; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to save the Pani-Dihing and Netai Mouza of Sibsagar district of Assam from erosion by the Dihing river and also through change of its course?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Brahmaputra Board is helping the Government of Assam in indentifying and formulating proposals for tackling the flood problem in Assam

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No proposal for protection of Pani-Dihing and Netai Mauza of Sibsagar district of Assam from erosion, have been received from the State Government.

Air water pollution in Assam by H.F.C.

681 SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

((a) what are the present available measures with the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation of Namrup in Assam to prevent air and water pollution;

(b) whether Government are aware that the nearby Disang river has completely been polluted by illegal pouring of prohibited chemicals into the river; and

(c) what direction has been given by Government to the H F. C unit in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOERSTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation at Namrup, Assam has adopted the following pollution control measures to prevent and control air and water pollution

(i) Steam and air stripping plant for treating effluents from urea plants;

(ii) Equalisation-cum-storage facility for ammoniacal effluents;

(iii) Arsenic treatment system;

(iv) Gravity filters cum coke traps for separating oil from oily condensates;

(v) Chromium treatment system;

(vi) Delay/guard Pond;

(vii) Ion-exchange effluent treatment plant to treat ammoniacal nitrogen bearing wastes;

(viii) Erection of a stack of 50 meters height for sulphuric and plant.

(b) Stretches of the Dessang river are polluted due to discharge of domestic and industrial wastes, particularly downstream of Namrup, from the effluents of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and from oil drilling operations.

(c) The Assam State Pollution Control Board has directed the unit to implement the following pollution control measures within a time-frame·

(i) Segregation of liquid ammonia bearing effluents and recycle it back in the process

(ii) Installation of treatment plant to treat chromium bearing effluents

(iii) Installation of arsenic precipitation scheme to treat arsenic bearing effluents and to change over to another system where arsenic is not used

(iv) To install a captive power plant and to increase effluent holding capacity.

(v) To convert the existing manufacturing process of sulphuric acid into DCDA process.

(vi) To install gravity separators

(vii) Installation of ammonia stripping column.

(viii) Installation of Urea hydrolyzer.

(ix) To construct and commission a sewage treatment plant. The Central Government has also initiated action to ensure that all fortilizer plants comply with the prescribed standards by December, 1991

Upgradation of Sonari Telephone Exchange Assam

682. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the present capacity of the Sonari Telephone Exchange is very low and it remains always dead; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to upgrade this Telephone Exchange in his sensitive border town of Assam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) Presently Sonari is being served by a 100 lines MAX-III exchange parented to Sibsagar trunk exchange and total demand of Sonari exchange is 103. Telephone exchange is working satisfactorily except when there are problems of power supply

(b) Department has plans to instal an electronic exchange with a capacity of 384 lines of C-DOT design

Extending S.T.D. facilities to Assam

683 SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and subdivisional Headquarters of Assam having S T D facilities at present;

(b) whether there is any new proposal with Government to extend S.T.D. facilities to more areas in Assam; and

(c) if so, the names of these areas and the time by when the facility is likely to be made available there?